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That the invention set forth in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was made in the course of our employment with General Electric Company, the assignee of the subject invention, using only the resources of the General Electric Company, including, for example, its funds, facilities, equipment, materials, information and services:

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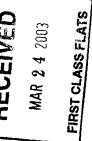








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